(b) what are the results of these efforts in these two districts of the State so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN): (a) Ministry of Small Scale Industries and Agro and Rural Industries, in addition to income tax rebate under section 80-1B of Income Tax Act, have sanctioned two rural clusters for development of Brass Metal Works and Pandusukhadi in the district of Srikakulam.

Besides, the Government of Andhra Pradesh have announced a set of incentives including Investment Subsidy, Deferment/Tax Holiday on Sales Tax, Rebate in Electricity charges and Interest Subsidy for SCST entrepreneurs, under the New Industrial Policy "Target-2000".

(b) As per the report of the State Government, 106 industrial units (including 14 large scale units) have been established in Mahbubnagar District with a capital investment Rs. 460.67 crores and thereby creating an additional employment of 4090 persons in Mahbubnagar District. Similarly, 112 new industrial units, includes 15 large scale units have been set up in Srikakulam District. The capital investment in these units have been Rs. 168.61 crores and which was responsible for creation of an additional employment to 3108 persons.

Complaint on import of High Styrene Rubber from EU

958. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any complaint has been received in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry requesting to investigate the import of High Styrene Rubber from the European Union, Poland and other countries;

(b) if so, by when such complaint was received in the Ministry; and

(c) what is the action contemplated thereon?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Directorate General of Anti-Dumping & Allied Duties (DGAD) had initiated Anti-Dumping investigations on import of High Styrene Butadiene

Copolymer/High Styrene Resin/Rubber (HSR) from EU and Poland on 20th December, 2000 on the basis of a fully documented petition filed by the Domestic industry with sufficient *prima-facie* evidence of dumping, injury and casual link. In its preliminary findings the DGAD recommended imposition of Anti-Dumping Duty on import of HSR from EU and Poland on 13th March, 2001 and the provisional duty was imposed by the Central Government on 9th April, 2001. The case is under investigation for final findings and the normal time allowed for conclusion of Anti-Dumping proceedings and submission of final findings is one year from the date of initiation.

Decline in Export Growth Rate

959. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been increase in the growth of export during 2000-2001 than the previous two financial years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the export growth rate is likely to decline in 2001-2002 and;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The export growth rate during 2000-01 has been higher as compared to the growth rate of export during the previous two financial years. The details of total merchandise exports and its growth rate for the years 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-01 are given below:—

Years	Total export (in US$ Million)	Percentage Growth
1998-99	33219	—5.1
1999-2000	36715	10.5
2000-01	44328	20.7